

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 9 and 12 through 15 are pending in this Application. Claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 have been cancelled. Manifestly, the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Yamazaki et al.

This rejection is traversed. Indeed, this rejection has been rendered moot by canceling claims 10, 11, 16 and 17.

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 through 9 and 12 through 15. As claims 1 through 9 and 12 through 15 are the only pending claims, Applicants submit that this Application is in clear condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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